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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Richard J. Kerr  
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIPC Soviet Mobile Landbased Ballistic  
Missile Study [redacted]

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1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum to the Chairman, CIPC, designating an Agency representative to the CIPC Soviet Mobile Landbased Ballistic Missile Panel. [redacted]

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2. Background: A WSSIC Mobile Missile Working Group completed an assessment in April 1984 [redacted]

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in a timely manner. Because the WSSIC study did not address the costs associated with any of the recommendations in the study nor the responsibility for their implementation, WSSIC recommended that a policy review be made to determine whether, and to what extent, resources should be dedicated to this problem. [redacted]

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3. The DCI, at the suggestion of the NIO/SP and C/ACIS, requested that the CIPC undertake action immediately to study this problem and make recommendations for specific Intelligence Community actions. The CIPC is to take full advantage of the work done to date on the subject by WSSIC and carefully consider the reservations raised by the Director of the NRO Staff. The CIPC's approach to the DCI's charge is to convene a panel of senior Community representatives that "can make key contributions to this problem" and to establish working groups for specific topics as the study progresses. Given the genesis of this study, we have no choice but to play. [redacted]

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4. We remain concerned, however, regarding the proliferation of CIPC studies; their value, if any, to program managers; and, indeed, the CIPC process itself which is lengthy and cumbersome. There are high costs in supporting CIPC studies, which take analysts and other specialists away from their primary duties--frequently for long periods. In the past two years, some six studies have been commissioned, though few are yet completed (see attached extract from the May CIPC Status Report). Our guess at the level of senior level DI resources (person months) devoted to each study is: [redacted]

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5. While it is clear that these studies divert Community personnel away from their regular work, it is not apparent that the results or impact of the studies warrant what we believe is a high expenditure of resources. Perhaps in the coming months you could raise with the Committee the subject of the utility of CIPC studies. An evaluation of what impact each study had on collection and on the quality of intelligence would seem appropriate during the next six to 12 months.

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